PUBLIC MEETING Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Facility Site Investigation Findings on the Backlands

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will hold a public meeting on:

Tuesday March 30, 2004 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Chewonki Center for Environmental Education in Wiscasset

The DEP is conducting this public meeting to provide an opportunity for public input and comment on the draft Backlands report. The public will have a chance to meet with regulators personally from 6-6:30 PM, receive a project overview of the site investigation from 6:30 until 8:30 PM and have questions addressed.

Background: Maine Yankee conducted a site investigation of the Backlands for identifying any locations where past chemical releases may have occurred. In general Maine Yankee did not use the 670 acres of the Backlands for operational purposes. Its primary purpose was as a buffer around Bailey Point and was acquired over time. The results from a comprehensive sampling and analysis program for locating any historic spills or disposal areas are documented in this report. Fifteen disposal areas pre-dating Maine Yankee ownership were identified and most of the waste was removed upon discovery. A copy of this report is available at the Maine DEP in Augusta and also located at Maine Yankee's website www.maineyankee.com under Public Information in the Document Room. The DEP is seeking comments prior to finalizing the report and comments are due by close of business on Monday April 5th.

If you would like to receive further information regarding this meeting and/or report contact DEP Project Manager Joan. M. Jones at (207) 287-7879 or e-mail her at *Joan.M.Jones@maine.gov*.

Note: This meeting will focus on potential chemical releases on or around the Backlands. A future meeting to discuss the Bailey Point findings will be held later this spring.